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The scouring plant soon to be erected by Matheson & Haffin will run about six months each year and scour a million and a half pounds of wool or about ten thousand pounds per day. About one million pounds of this wool will be purchased from the sheep men of this county. The sheep and wool interests of the county have grown immensely during the past few years because of the fencing up of lands in Texas. Should the vacant lands of this county be fenced, then the sheep interests would be destroyed here. Such a condition would amount to a calamity, for the sheep interests of the county are far more valuable to business men than the cattle interests. A whole county might be fenced in under a lease law and the cattle owned by one man, who would most undoubtedly ship in his supplies, then when the assessor appears says he does not know how many cattle he has. The enactment of a lease law would do for this territory just what the lease law has done for Texas, drive out the sheep and fence the lands so that the labor of the cowboy would be unnecessary. Does the west want a lease law? Do the people want big cattlemen to also. Intely fence the whole country so that no small owner can live? A large number of cattle owners never know how many cattle they have, so that only about half the taxes on cattle are ever paid. Should this become a sheep country the sheep would be returned, as they now are, and the extra labor connected with them in the employment of herders, shearers, wool scouring, etc., would all make business for other people. The sooner that the big cattlemen learn that there are others who have a right to live the better it will be for all.

The Miami (Tex.) Chief, edited by J. E. Curran, for years in the news paper business in Clayton, New Mexico, says: "After breaking up most of the forceful democratic newspapers of New Mexico and running out the editors of such papers it now transpires that the libel law is utterly ineffective, and New Mexico now has no libel law. The federal republican judges did put it to the democratic editors shamefully for awhile." Jim was on New Mexico soil during it all, and knows what he is talking about. —Coffay County Stockman.

Yes, brother, and you can go farther and say: This element closed up all the democratic papers and run out all the editors of such papers in Union county, New Mexico. But this ungracious victory over a free press and free speech by republican carpet bag courts which placed republican postmasters and republican registers as foremen of grand juries, to find convictions and vent out their spleen against democratic editors, was not without a few traitorous pettifoggish democrat lawyers. The same gang of democrats who tried to kill Springer in the county seat fight—were the fellows who helped the republicans to break up the democratic party and democratic press in Union county—and don't you ever forget it for a minute. —Miami Chief.

"I confidently expect that the American people will prove too clear headed not to appreciate the vital difference between the expansion of the Republic and its free institutions over contiguous territory and kindred populations—which we all gladly welcome if accomplished peacefully and honorably—and imperialism, which reaches out for distant lands to be ruled as subject provinces; too intelligent not to perceive that our very first step on the road of imperialism has been a betrayal of the fundamental principles of democracy followed by disaster and disgrace; too enlightened not to understand that a monarchy may do such things and still remain a strong monarchy, while a democracy cannot do such things and still remain democracy." —Carl Shurtz at anti imperial conference.

Editor McCutcheon, of the Albuquerque Industrial Advertiser, but formerly of the Graphic, says that some years ago he investigated the methods of coal oil inspection in New Mexico and, as far as could be ascertained, the usual plan was to notify the inspector from Denver. The letter always contained a check and notified him of the shipment of an oil tank of so many gallons. When the freight car went through the inspector was at the depot to smell the car. If the contents of the tankcar did not smell like whiskey it was coal oil and had passed inspection.

The El Paso Herald says that "Mr. Bryan has climbed the silver stair." Correct you are. Mr. Bryan has climbed so high that he is planted firmly head and shoulders above every other public man in this country today, not alone in integrity and ability but in

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the love of his fellow countrymen.—El Paso Graphic.

When the newspapers say the Boers are putting up a great fight we read all about it to the last line with an eager pleasure in their courage, and yet we can't but sigh when we read the lists of British dead.

The Argus gives the above as its position on the war in South Africa. No such feelings predominate the true American, because he knows that Great Britain would rob us of our liberty if she could; as she tried twice to do and again during the war of the rebellion. The more English people are the less American spirit there is to them.

The coffin trust met at Columbus, Ohio to again raise the price of their product. The increased cost of material is given out by them as the reason for the advance. Thus the poor laboring people who continue to want fine coffins for their deceased relatives will continue to stand off grocery bills to put on style at funerals. A plain though substantial pine or poplar coffin is good enough for the very best corpse on earth.

## The Presumptuous Boers.

After more than a hundred years, the folly of 1776 is being repeated. The benighted citizens of the Dutch Republic have dared question the inevitable decrees of their benign suzerain Great Britain. What folly! What arrogance! It is true that the Dutch carved out a habitation in the trackless wilderness of South Africa a century and a half before Johnny Bull secured a foot hold there. It is true that they claim a right to elect their own form of government by virtue of that now exploded dictum that the just powers of any government are derived from the consent of the governed. Yet the British press accuses the world that any people though free and independent should be glad to bend their necks to the yoke of English sovereignty because it is to the greater glory of God and incidentally because it promotes the aggrandizement of the Union Jack. Just to think, if our ancestors had not acted exactly as the Africans are acting today—rebellious against British rule—we might now have the delectable satisfaction of doing homage to Her Royal Highness and kissing the sacred toe of some almoner of a Lord Vice Regent whose pedigree extends from Grosvenor Square to Hastings, and whose hereditary dignity could be exceeded only by his dense stupidity.

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## AN IMPERIALIST SILENCED.

How Bryan Answered Republican Arguments Made by One of His Listeners.

A St. Louis Republic special from Pawnee City, Neb., says:

After two rousing meetings in Falls City and Humboldt, Mr. Bryan closed the third day of his present tour here tonight.

As Mr. Bryan was closing his speech at Falls City he met with welcome assistance at the hands of a man in the audience, who denied that President McKinley intends to retain the Philippines. Mr. Bryan nonplussed him by quoting one of McKinley's speeches, in which he said: "I cannot permit myself to doubt that these islands will be retained under the benign sovereignty of the United States."

The interrupter next declared that most of the Filipinos were in revolt against Aguinaldo.

"Are you not flatterer Aguinaldo too much," asked Mr. Bryan, "when you assert that with a handful of men he can not only subjugate his own race, but hold in check and frustrate a great American army?" (Cheers)

A third time the man broke in to declare that the trade of the Philippines is valuable. Bryan rose to his full height and his eyes flashed fire as he thundered:

"I dare you to measure the lives of American boys and the heartaches of American mothers by the paltry dollars and cents of commerce; I dare you to do it!"

And the crowd went into a veritable paroxysm of applause. Then the man in the crowd declared that Providence was leading the United States to the Philippines. He had not long to await his answer.

"Ah, my friend," came the reply, "I never got cornered on imperialism; you did not finally lay the blame on the Almighty." (Laughter and cheers)

"Abraham Lincoln was once asked if he wasn't anxious to have the Lord on his side," continued Mr. Bryan. "He answered: 'No, but I am anxious to be on the Lord's side.'"

"If you, my friend, were half as anxious to be on the Lord's side as you are to bring Jehovah down from heaven to bolster up the republican party, you wouldn't be here advocating an abandonment of the declaration of independence. You are not preaching the gospel of the Prince of Peace. You're preaching the internal gospel of conquest and murder and death."

The orator's last words were drowned in a tempest of cheers. The imperialist disappeared.

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## The Truth About English Friendship.

When we consider that the Boers in South Africa are fighting for their liberty just as Washington and his fellow patriots battled for theirs, it is amazing to note the men who call themselves Americans are loud in expressing their sympathy with England. Every lover of liberty should be on the side of the Boers, but liberty seems to have lost a great many friends these days among Americans. Now the cry is that England was our warm friend during the war with Spain, and, therefore, we must stand by her. Fortunately, such doctrine is not held by the majority of Americans. But those who profess it make themselves conspicuous, and thus it appears as if most Americans are with England in her attempt to crush the Boers.

By a happy coincidence an American just returned from Europe tells a story of England's feeling toward us that should bring Anglomanias to their senses. This American is J. W. Snell of Toledo, Ohio, who arrived in New York City last week from Europe. To a reporter for the Tribune he made this statement:

"There is a marked contrast between the present manner in which the English treat Americans and that in which they treated them only a short time ago. I was in London in April, 1898, after war had been declared between this country and Spain, and that England was not only unfriendly to us, but also underestimated and was grossly ignorant of the strength and power of the United States was everywhere in evidence. The daily papers had many of them a distinctly hostile tone, and none of them a particularly friendly one. The yellow journals—for yellow journalism exists in England as well as in America—were publishing pictures representing the relative strength of the navies of the world. You know the sort, a huge ship representing Great Britain, then one considerably smaller representing France, etc. The United States came way down the list with something that looked like a rowboat, while Spain was placed well above her. I went to a theatre at this time where they had microscope or vitagraph or some other graph pictures, and there the hostility to America was marked. They showed a number of American and Spanish pictures, the first being received with chilly silence and the latter with applause, but the thing came to an end, in so far as I was concerned, when they showed a picture of President McKinley, after wildly cheering one of the Queen Regent of Spain. That settled me and I left. But I heard afterward the American pictures had been withdrawn on account of their unpopularity."

"This was the state of feeling in England when the 2nd of May brought the news of Dewey's complete and signal victory at Manila. London at first would not believe it, and the papers scoffed at the report as a palpable fake. Confirmation came, and then you ought to have seen the change, when they realized all that it meant, that a new force had come to the fore, and one of such strength as to be able to take part in shaping the world's affairs; and when it came to any nation or nations inaugurating any future policy that might infringe on the rights of others they must first reckon on a country that lay on the western shores of the Atlantic Ocean, which was big, strong and willing enough to interfere if such policy should, in nautical language, 'come across her bows.' It was delicious. As soon as the English recovered their breath there was nothing too good for the Americans; they were blood kindred; they asked you to dinner and put you up at their clubs, and only to state in London at that time that you were an American was to insure yourself the best of good things without expense to yourself. For me, while I like the English, the contrast was too sudden, and I doubted the entire cordiality of the good-fellowship extended, when I remembered that only a short fortnight before I had sat in an English theatre and heard an English audience hiss the portrait of the President of the United States of America."

## UNFERMENTED WINE.

The season of the year is approaching when a great many of our readers manufacture wine for domestic use and sacramental purposes, the following method of making it may be found of service:

"Pick the grapes from the stems and wash them. Strain the juice into a kettle, boil it, remove the scum, strain it into bottles or jars, and seal up as you would canned fruits. Bottles are better, we suppose, than jars; they should be tightly corked and have sealing wax above the cork. If only a small quantity of wine is to be used at a time, small bottles will be more convenient than large ones. But the wine will keep several days after being opened in ordinary weather. Lay the bottles on their sides in a cool, dark place. It will do no harm to strain the wine when the bottles are opened. Don't use sugar, it is unnecessary, and there is some danger of making grape jelly instead of wine. Thus made it will keep for years."

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Many good stories of the doings of Lincoln New Mexico courts, have been told before but at the last term a new record was made, at least as far as the novelty of the findings are concerned. One Dick Wilson was indicted for cow stealing. Just the plain old-fashioned kind. The jury found him insane and Judge Leland sentenced him to Texas—Roswell Record.

Yes, but there was nothing insane about it when a federal judge fined Dr. Gould \$100 for defending democracy. There was nothing insane about it when a certain federal judge instructed the grand jury to bring in an indictment against a democratic editor in Union county, New Mexico, all of which stimulated rep. cow thieves to beat up and break up all the democratic papers in Union county, and had it not been for the able counsel of Judge A. B. Fall in smashing the libel law, Charlie Ball of the Las Cruces Democrat would have went to jail. The Texas people were not so insane but what they seen through the scheme of Max Frost, Gov. Otero and the Hanna judges at the time, and openly called the attention of the democratic press and editors of New Mexico as to what was coming, and indeed, brother Creighton, they had your predecessors, the owners of the Roswell Record and also the Eddy Current down for decapitation. Had you not bought the Record just when you did and kept very quiet politically, you too might have been coming ties as well as some of the other democratic editors of New Mexico. What Texas lacks in "sanity" she makes up in justice to all men regardless of political parties, but New Mexico under the present regime forgets justice when it comes to prosecuting democratic editors, and smiling profusely on republican cow thief politicians. —Miami (Tex) Chief.

## Who Would Succeed Hobart.

The present serious illness of Vice President Hobart makes it of interest as to who would succeed him should it result fatally. According to law, in case of the disability or death of the vice

president, the duties of his office would be discharged until his successor were elected by the president pro tem of the senate, who at present is Senator Frye of Maine. But the latter would not thereby become vice president; nor would he succeed to the presidency if Mr. McKinley should die before the expiration of his term. In that case the succession would first fall to Secretary of State Hay, and failing him would pass in order named to the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of war, the attorney general, the postmaster general, the secretary of the navy, the secretary of the interior. Since the constitution was adopted there have already been five vice presidents who have died in office. Two of them were elected with President Madison, George Clinton who died in 1812, and Flibertus Gerry, who died in 1914. Wm. R. King died in 1783, during the term of President Pierce, Henry Wilson during President Grant's term of 1875, and Thomas Hendricks died in 1885 during President Cleveland's first term.

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